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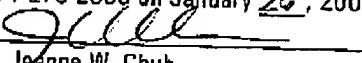
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the December 27, 2006 Notice of Allowance of the above-identified patent application, claims 1-28 are allowed.

The Notice of Allowance includes an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability. While Applicants agree that the prior art does not disclose limitations indicated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants respectfully note that the specific limitations indicated by the Examiner do not necessarily correspond verbatim to the features recited in each of the independent claims. Applicants wish to point out that each of the independent claims distinguishes over the prior art based on the particular limitations

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recited in the claims, and is patentable on its own merits (in some cases, perhaps, for reasons other than those indicated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance).

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference CKB-075.01.**

Respectfully submitted,

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